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# HOUSE COMMITTEE ON MUNICIPAL GOVERNMENT & HOUSING

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## NOTICE OF MEETING

**DATE:** Thursday, February 11, 2021

**TIME:** Rise of the House

**PLACE:** Room 35 - State House

## SCHEDULED FOR HEARING AND/OR CONSIDERATION

**House Bill No. [5016](#)**

**BY Slater**

**ENTITLED,** AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- PROPERTY SUBJECT TO TAXATION -- EXEMPTIONS {LC309/1} (Includes the real and tangible personal property of The Providence Community Health Centers, a Rhode Island domestic nonprofit corporation, located in Providence, Rhode Island, on the list of properties exempt from taxation.)

01/13/2021 Introduced, referred to House Finance

02/04/2021 Committee transferred to House Municipal Government & Housing

02/05/2021 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

**House Bill No. [5107](#)**

**BY Ruggiero, Cortvriend, Abney**

**ENTITLED,** AN ACT RELATING TO TOWNS AND CITIES -- RETIREMENT OF MUNICIPAL EMPLOYEES--MIDDLETOWN MUNICIPAL EMPLOYEES RETIREMENT {LC415/1} (Allows the town of Middletown to enroll its full-time police officers hired on or after July 1, 2021, in a defined contribution plan established by the town and prevents newly hired police officers from becoming members of the retirement system.)

01/22/2021 Introduced, referred to House Municipal Government

02/01/2021 Committee transferred to House Municipal Government & Housing

02/05/2021 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

**House Bill No. [5124](#)**

**BY Casimiro, Craven, Noret, Donovan, McEntee**

**ENTITLED,** AN ACT RELATING TO TOWNS AND CITIES -- COASTAL AND RIVERINE HOME PROTECTION {LC122/1} (Enables cities and towns to provide a tax exemption to individuals who take resiliency measures to rehabilitate their property because of flood hazards.)

01/25/2021 Introduced, referred to House Municipal Government

02/01/2021 Committee transferred to House Municipal Government & Housing

02/05/2021 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

**House Bill No. [5125](#)**

**BY Casimiro, Craven**

**ENTITLED,** AN ACT RELATING TO AGRICULTURE AND FORESTRY -- HEMP GROWTH ACT {LC132/1} (Authorizes cities and towns to enact ordinances to address and protect their citizens' public safety and welfare from the impact of hemp cultivation and any of its derivative products.)

01/25/2021 Introduced, referred to House Municipal Government

02/01/2021 Committee transferred to House Municipal Government & Housing

02/05/2021 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

**House Bill No. [5127](#)**

**BY Ruggiero, Cortvriend, Abney**

**ENTITLED,** AN ACT RELATING TO HIGHWAYS -- ABANDONMENT OF ROADS {LC411/1} (Authorizes the town of Middletown, upon receiving a request for the abandonment of a highway from an abutting property owner, to buy the abandoned highway from the abutting owner, at fair market value.)

01/25/2021 Introduced, referred to House Municipal Government

02/01/2021 Committee transferred to House Municipal Government & Housing

02/05/2021 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

**House Bill No. [5128](#)**

**BY Bennett**

**ENTITLED,** AN ACT RELATING TO TOWNS AND CITIES - ZONING ORDINANCES {LC114/1} (Provides for the preservation of housing density when a municipality allows alternative uses within a residential zone. Transferal of the residential density would be to locations at the discretion of the municipality.)

01/25/2021 Introduced, referred to House Municipal Government

02/01/2021 Committee transferred to House Municipal Government & Housing

02/05/2021 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

**House Bill No. [5180](#)**

**BY Azzinaro, Vella-Wilkinson, Noret**

**ENTITLED,** AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- PROPERTY TAX RELIEF {LC777/1} (Amends the definition of "disabled", for the purposes of property tax relief, to include veterans who earn less than thirty thousand dollars (\$30,000) annually and who receive disability benefits.)

01/27/2021 Introduced, referred to House Municipal Government

02/01/2021 Committee transferred to House Municipal Government & Housing

02/05/2021 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

**House Bill No. [5217](#)**

**BY Nardone, Chippendale, Roberts, Noret**

**ENTITLED,** AN ACT VALIDATING AND RATIFYING AMENDMENTS TO THE HOME RULE CHARTER OF THE TOWN OF COVENTRY {LC338/1} (This act would validate and ratify amendments to the Home Rule Charter of the town of Coventry, which amendments were adopted and approved by the electors of the town of Coventry on November 3, 2020.)

01/28/2021 Introduced, referred to House Municipal Government

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02/01/2021 Committee transferred to House Municipal Government & Housing

02/05/2021 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

**House Bill No. [5257](#)**

**BY Williams, Knight, Morales, Biah, Giraldo, Speakman, Henries, Potter, Barros, Batista**

**ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO PROPERTY -- RHODE ISLAND FAIR HOUSING**

**PRACTICES ACT {LC77/1}** (Prohibits discrimination in housing against those persons who have a lawful source of income.)

01/29/2021 Introduced, referred to House Municipal Government & Housing

02/05/2021 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

**House Bill No. [5258](#)**

**BY Edwards**

**ENTITLED, AN ACT IN AMENDMENT OF CHAPTER 974 OF THE PUBLIC LAWS OF 1940, ENTITLED "AN ACT TO INCORPORATE THE STONE BRIDGE FIRE DISTRICT AND TO FURNISH A SUPPLY OF WATER FOR THE TOWN OF TIVERTON" {LC736/1}**

(Authorizes the Stone Bridge fire district to borrow up to \$100,000 in funds to meet specific short-term financial obligations.)

01/29/2021 Introduced, referred to House Municipal Government & Housing

02/05/2021 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

**House Bill No. [5330](#)**

**BY Knight, Cassar**

**ENTITLED, AN ACT VALIDATING AND RATIFYING AMENDMENTS TO THE HOME RULE CHARTER OF THE TOWN OF BARRINGTON {LC1129/1}**

02/04/2021 Introduced, referred to House Municipal Government & Housing

02/05/2021 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

**The State House remains closed to in-person testimony.**

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We are taking public testimony two different ways:

Written testimony is encouraged and should be submitted to [dhuntley@rilegislature.gov](mailto:dhuntley@rilegislature.gov)

For those who would prefer the option of providing verbal testimony, please send an email to [dhuntley@rilegislature.gov](mailto:dhuntley@rilegislature.gov) with the following information:

Bill # you are testifying on.

For/Against

Your Name and Phone number (to be reached for your testimony)

Affiliation: (if any)

**\*Deadline to request verbal testimony is Thursday, February 11, 2021 at 11 a.m.**

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